

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice, and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal display device manufacturing method comprising the steps of:

forming a sealing member along a periphery of a display area on a first surface of a first substrate;

dropping a liquid crystal to the first surface of the first substrate from a liquid crystal supply needle provided to a syringe in which the liquid crystal is filled; and

causing a portion of the liquid crystal that has adhered to a surface of the liquid crystal supply needle to fall onto the first substrate by blowing a gas against the liquid crystal supply needle ~~either during or after~~ said dropping the liquid crystal step.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein the gas is blown against the liquid crystal supply needle from air supply needles that are arranged around the liquid crystal supply needle.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal display device manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal in the syringe is pushed out of the liquid crystal supply needle by a mechanically actuated plunger.

6-13. (Cancelled)